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 February 7, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
 General Counsel  
 The President's Commission  
 200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

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Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory communication prepared by our Dallas Office dated January 28, 1964. Copies of this communication have also been furnished to the following: Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army; Director of Naval Intelligence, Department of the Navy; Director of Special Investigations, The Inspector General, Department of the Air Force; Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice; Chief, United States Secret Service, Department of the Treasury; and Chief Postal Inspector, Post Office Department.

For your assistance, "American Opinion," was incorporated January 13, 1958, under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, and is edited and published by Robert Welch, Belmont, Massachusetts. On December 9, 1958, Welch founded the John Birch Society in Indianapolis, Indiana. The John Birch Society was incorporated on December 23, 1958, as a nonprofit business organization under the laws of the State of Massachusetts. Welch has summarized the long-range objectives of the Society as "less government, more responsibility and a better world." "American Opinion," the John Birch Society and Welch have not been investigated by this Bureau.

The above is being furnished for your information.

Sincerely yours, 162-104401-

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1 - 62-109090 (John Birch Society)

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**NOTE:**

Letterhead memorandum sent as enclosure with Dallas airtel dated 1/28/64 captioned, "Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 11/22/63, Dallas, Texas, Miscellaneous - Information Concerning." Copies to other Governmental agencies sent by Domestic Intelligence Division. Letterhead memorandum relates to anonymous communication received by our Dallas Office and postmarked at Dallas, Texas, both on 1/23/64 enclosing 16 stickers containing the statement "Communism Killed Kennedy." It was indicated these stickers are available at a price of \$1.00 for 12 sheets (912) stickers) and can be obtained from "American Opinion," Belmont, Massachusetts. It is possible these stickers might come to the attention of the President's Commission resulting in a request for Bureau investigation. Therefore, it is felt we should take the initiative and advise the Commission of the above prior to receipt of a request.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/7/64

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 2/5/64, Mrs. [REDACTED] California, presented Chief of Police AL JEWEL, Oxnard, California Police Department, with approximately 50 copies of the enclosed leaflet captioned "Support Your Local Police." On the reverse side of the leaflet is the notation that this leaflet was reproduced from the July, 1963 bulletin of the John Birch Society, Belmont, Massachusetts.

The leaflet is being furnished to the Bureau for the completion of the Bureau's files. A copy is being retained in the Los Angeles Office for future reference.

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February 14, 1964

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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*Summary*  
This Bureau has not conducted an investigation of the John Birch Society (JBS) or its founder Robert H. W. Welch, Jr. However, the files of this Bureau disclose the following information.

The JBS was organized in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958, by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., a candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, in order to further Welch's anticommunist campaign. It was incorporated on December 23, 1958, as a nonprofit business organization under the laws of the State of Massachusetts. The aims and purposes of the organization were listed as to promote civic interest in national and international affairs by an educational program and the collection and dissemination of literature for educational purposes. Welch has characterized the long-range objective of the JBS as "less government, more responsibility and a better world."

In an article "The Wrong Way to Fight Reds" by Jack Mabley in the January 30, 1961, issue of the "Chicago Daily News," a Chicago, Illinois, daily newspaper, Mabley comments on Welch and the Society. Mabley states Welch, by his own words, is absolute boss of the Society and quotes Welch as saying the Society must be run by a "hard-boiled, dictatorial and dynamic boss." Mabley sums up his article by stating the communist threat in this country is real enough; the country needs the energy and interest of every citizen who will work to counteract communist evil; but "the unbelievable irresponsibility espoused secretly by Welch can bring only scorn and harm to real anti-communist work."

Welch authored a book entitled "The Politician," which he did not have published but had a limited number of copies printed, which he sent to friends who he believed

Original & 1 to NASA  
Request Received - February 5, 1964

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency. This is in answer to your request for a check of FBI files.

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## **The John Birch Society**

would be interested in its contents. A review of this book disclosed it was a vicious attack on the political beliefs of former President Eisenhower and, by innuendo, alluded to President Eisenhower as being procommunist.

Welch also publishes a magazine "American Opinion," which was incorporated January 13, 1956, under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, and which he also uses as an outlet for his anticommunist crusade. As an example of the type of material which appears in "American Opinion" an article was published in the October, 1959, edition entitled "A Review of Reviews" written by Revilo P. Oliver, a professor at the University of Illinois. This article contained allegations that between 70 and 80 per cent of the responsible officers in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (DHEW) are members or accomplices of the communist conspiracy. This appears to be a follow-up of a speech made by Oliver in March, 1959, at which time he allegedly stated that one third of the top echelon of the communist conspirators in this country are in the DHEW and stated his source was Herbert Philbrick. Philbrick, a former FBI informant, upon interview has denied giving Oliver any information concerning communist infiltration of the DHEW. Our files disclose that Philbrick never furnished such information to the FBI.

NOTE: Above information furnished State March 21, 1961, and ONI April 6, 1961.



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# Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: Feb. 18, 1964

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

*John Birch Society*

Pages A717-A718. Congressman Senner, (D) Arizona, extended his remarks regarding a Birch Society article concerning President Kennedy's assassination written by Revilo P. Oliver, professor of classical languages, University of Illinois. Mr. Senner stated "I almost feel safe in saying that Professor Oliver, who has also participated in the activities of such groups as the Christian Crusade and We, the People, has attained an incomparable low with this latest bit of 'Communist conspiracy analysis.' Thanks be to God that the reasonableness of Americans is beginning to manifest itself through such clear expressions as the following article by Arizona's Platt Cline." Mr. Cline stated in his article "The article, 'Marxmanship in Dallas,' by Revilo P. Oliver of the University of Illinois, a despicable and vicious attack on the late President, the Attorney General, the Chief Justice and others, is described as a 'superb commentary' by Robert Welch, founder of the Birchites. Reading this hate-laden, paranoidal, fantastic commentary on the assassination should be enough to disenchant any even slightly reasonable member with the society and its methods." Mr. Cline quoted the following from the Oliver article setting forth the functions of the Warren Commission to investigate President Kennedy's assassination: "To cover up for the Communist conspiracy as much as possible \* \* \* to suppress permanently the report of the FBI which it has already acted to conceal from the American people - - -."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for Feb. 17, 1964 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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(BIRCH)

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.--PROF. REVILLO P. OLIVER, WHO WROTE AN ARTICLE IN A JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY PUBLICATION CRITICIZING THE LATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY, WAS HANGED IN EFFIGY TODAY ON THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CAMPUS.

OLIVER IS A PROFESSOR OF CLASSICS AT THE UNIVERSITY AND HAD BEEN CRITICIZED IN THE STUDENT NEWSPAPER, THE ILLINI, FOR HIS STORY.

A SIGN ATTACHED TO THE FIGURE, MADE OF PAJAMAS AND PILLOWS, SAID, "OLIVER HUNG (SIC) BY A BIRCH."

UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS SAID THE FIGURE WAS PUT UP SOMETIME BEFORE 5:45 A.M. THE FIGURE WAS QUICKLY TAKEN DOWN AND IT WAS NOT KNOWN WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE.

OLIVER'S ARTICLE, WHICH APPEARED IN "AMERICAN OPINION," SAID THE LATE MR. KENNEDY WAS ASSASSINATED BECAUSE HE "FELL BEHIND IN A COMMUNIST TIMETABLE" FOR THE TAKEOVER OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Date: 2/27/64

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES  
 SUBJECT: ACTIVITY AGAINST  
 CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN  
 SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA  
 INFORMATION CONCERNING  
 (INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of letterhead memorandum concerning incidents which have occurred in recent months in Santa Barbara, California, attacking Chief Justice EARL WARREN.

In his letter of February 25, 1964, Mr. [redacted] of the News-Press, Santa Barbara, California, stated that the Chief Justice WARREN and Senator THOMAS KUCHEL, being frequent visitors in the state, have some claim for protection on the part of the FBI. Mr. [redacted] letter has been acknowledged, at which time he was informed that the FBI did not have investigative jurisdiction for protection of Chief Justice WARREN or Senator KUCHEL. He was informed that the information which he furnished was being made available to the U. S. Secret Service, Los Angeles, for possible action and to the Santa Barbara Police Department and Sheriff's Office. In addition, Mr. [redacted] was advised that this information was being furnished to FBI headquarters in Washington, D. C., for referral to Chief Justice WARREN and Senator KUCHEL.

The Bureau is requested to inform Chief Justice WARREN and Senator KUCHEL of the apprehension of Mr. [redacted] for their safety.

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In addition, because of the nature of the information furnished by Mr. [ ] one copy of the enclosed letterhead memorandum is being furnished to the U. S. Secret Service locally.

UACB, no further action is being taken by the Los Angeles Office concerning this matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California  
February 27, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

ACTIVITY AGAINST  
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN  
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

By letter dated February 25, 1964, [redacted]  
[redacted] News-Press, Santa Barbara, California,  
advised the Los Angeles Office of the FBI, in part, as follows:

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"....From time to time, I have received vicious letters, some against the late President but mostly taking the line of the Birch Society in its campaign to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren. Some enclose posters calling the Chief Justice a traitor and otherwise inviting some screwball to attempt assassination. During the past few months the Chief Justice has been hung in effigy four times in prominent places in Santa Barbara. On one occasion I was honored to be hung with him. I enclose clippings from my newspaper giving account of these various incidents.

"These, mostly anonymous, letter writers are apparently creating a 'climate' in Santa Barbara that gives me apprehension that another 'Lee Oswald' might be brought forth and an attempt to make assault on the Chief Justice, should he come to Santa Barbara which he frequently does. I expect him early this summer.

"As you probably know, I have been active against the so-called Birchers and everything they stand for. I have seen my share of insulting letters. These do not give me particular concern, or my family, but I am deeply concerned as to what a campaign of vilification might do to a visit from the Chief Justice or Senator Tommy Kuchel, who is also a frequent visitor to Santa Barbara.

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SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

"I enclose a letter sent to the editor from one signing his name '[redacted]'. If you will read the letter completely I think you will see some seed that might develop in creating another 'Lee Oswald' here in Santa Barbara. I cannot find this man's name in either the telephone or city directory.

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"These insults to the Chief Justice have been going on for some time....."

Enclosed with Mr. [redacted] letter was the following communication:

[redacted]  
Santa Barbara, California  
February 17, 1964

"Editor  
Santa Barbara News-Press  
Santa Barbara, California

"Editor, News-Press:

"Professor Oliver's comments regarding the late President Kennedy are no doubt largely false, but there is little danger in something which is false and recognized as such. A greater danger emanates from those 'sane' men who would toss aside such accusations, professing illness and then vomit forth a barrage of emotional nonsense.

"Today, when charges of Communism are leveled at men of their party, the liberal 'intellectuals' and other well-meaning, but uninformed citizens (and no one can claim to be completely informed about a government which withholds information from the public) immediately rise with indignation and demand to know how an important public servant could possibly be a Communist.

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SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

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"I submit that if any person is in agreement with any main concept of Communist doctrine and takes action to propagate that ideology, that person is a Communist, whether or not he is actually a member of the Party, or is even aware that his thoughts and actions are aligned with those of Communist doctrine. Proof cannot be given that President Kennedy was a member of the Communist Party, but who can deny that he promoted socialistic institutions such as an expansion of social security to include medical insurance, the Housing act of 1961, and federal aid to education. Communists have often stated that socialism is the intermediate step between capitalism and Communism. A person promoting socialism is thereby promoting Communism and should be labeled appropriately.



In addition, Mr. [redacted] enclosed articles which appeared in the Santa Barbara News-Press on the following dates:

December 27, 1963, concerning hanging an effigy of Chief Justice Earl Warren at the Santa Barbara Courthouse on December 25, 1963.

January 8, 1964, concerning an attack in effigy against Chief Justice Warren and [redacted] and reporting the finding of a dummy hanging from a tree in the 700 block, Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, California, January 8, 1964.

February 14, 1964, concerning the finding of a white bedsheet with a red hammer and sickle drawn upon it and inscribed with the words, "U. S. Supreme Court," which was found on the Santa Barbara City Hall flagpole in De la Guerra Plaza on February 14, 1964.



ACTIVITY AGAINST  
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN  
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

Undated clipping concerning the hanging  
in effigy of Chief Justice Earl Warren in  
Alameda Park.

The files of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI  
contain no information identifiable with [redacted] men-  
tioned above.

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The Santa Barbara Police Department and the Santa  
Barbara Sheriff's Office were advised of the above information  
on February 27, 1964.

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conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and  
is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be  
distributed outside your agency.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

DATE: March 2, 1964

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*

SUBJECT: **JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)**

1 - Mr. Belmont  
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By airtel dated 2/27/64 the Los Angeles Office requested that the Bureau inform Earl Warren, Chief Justice, U. S. Supreme Court, and Senator Thomas Kuchel (D-Calif.) regarding the concern of [redacted] of the "News-Press," Santa Barbara, California, for the safety of Chief Justice Warren and Senator Kuchel.

By letter dated 2/25/64 Mr. [redacted] advised the Los Angeles Office that Chief Justice Warren and Senator Kuchel had been frequent visitors to California and that he felt these individuals "have some claim for protection on the part of the FBI." Los Angeles advised Mr. [redacted] that the Bureau did not have investigative jurisdiction for the protection of the Chief Justice or the Senator. [redacted] was advised that information furnished by him was being made available to the U. S. Secret Service, Los Angeles, and to the Santa Barbara Police Department and Sheriff's Office for possible action. Los Angeles also advised Mr. [redacted] that the information was being referred to the Bureau for referral to Chief Justice Warren and Senator Kuchel.

[redacted] in information furnished to the Los Angeles Office stated that he had received from time to time vicious letters which took the line of the John Birch Society in its campaign to impeach Chief Justice Warren. He indicated that during the past few months the Chief Justice has been hung in effigy four times in prominent places in Santa Barbara and added that he had also been "honored to be hung with him" on one occasion. According to [redacted] the writers of these letters are apparently creating a climate which he feels could give rise to another "Lee Oswald" and that an attempt might be made to assault the Chief Justice. Chief Justice Warren is expected to visit Santa Barbara during the early Summer of 1964.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
62-104401

The John Birch Society, which was formed in December, 1958, by candy manufacturer Robert H. Welch, Jr., has as one of its objectives the impeachment of Chief Justice Warren. It has as its long-range objective "less government, more responsibility and a better world." We have never investigated the organization but have obtained public source material concerning the group and instructions have been issued to the field to be alert for the formation of chapters and instructing that the Bureau be advised regarding efforts by subversive elements to take over the John Birch Society. Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley in April, 1961, stated that in the absence of information indicating that a Federal law or executive order has in fact been violated it would be inappropriate to undertake an investigation of the group.

The letterhead memorandum submitted with the above-mentioned Los Angeles airtel concerning activities against Chief Justice Warren is being disseminated to the Department and Armed Forces intelligence agencies.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the fact that Mr. [redacted] it is recommended that this memorandum be referred to Mr. DeLoach's Office in order that Chief Justice Warren and Senator Kuchel be informed of the apprehension on the part of Mr. [redacted] for their safety and that they also be informed that this information has been made available to the U. S. Secret Service, the Santa Barbara Police Department and Sheriff's Office.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 3/31/64

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (100-91)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

For information of the Bureau and completion of Bureau files, transmitted herewith for Bureau and other Florida offices is a copy of a leaflet captioned "Support Your Local Police" indicated as originating with captioned organization, which has been distributed in the Sarasota, Florida area.

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LOCAL POLICE.

They need it. The Communists know, as the American people do not, that the city and community police forces now constitute one of the most important remaining obstacles to the gradual, insidious, and at first invisible, establishment of the mechanics of their Communist police state. The local working police are the best friends everywhere, of anti-Communists like ourselves, because they constantly run up against all of the dirty tactics of the Communists, and of the dupes and allies of the Communists, in their respective areas.

For this reason there has been a subtle, but now increasingly bolder and more extensive effort, to harass and discredit local police forces and their individual members, going on in the country for more than a decade. Just one illustration was the CBS television show, The Biography Of A Bookie Joint, which was designed to make all working "cops" look like grafting bums; and which has been proved by a thorough later investigation to have been basically as phony as was the "interview" with your Founder in Santa Barbara two years ago, that CBS broadcast all over the country. (We revealed the true facts about this incredibly dirty and deliberate distortion in an earlier bulletin, and reprinted those paragraphs in a thin leaflet as The Story Of A Hoax.) And we could fill this bulletin with other illustrations.

This support of their local police by all good citizens everywhere is going to become especially important now that Communist-inspired racial riots are getting to be a regular part of the American scene. The police will be "crucified" by the Liberals, in the press and over the airwaves, for practically everything they do in the line of duty. And this will be true no matter how circumspectly they handle themselves, nor with what careful restraint they use their authority, in connection with every large or small outbreak of civil disorder which the Communist plotters can produce.

Nor will the Communists nor even their Liberal dupes leave to chance the supply of grist for their mills of distortion. The police chief of Birmingham was doing a superb job of maintaining law and order in the midst of a hot situation, while letting thousand of Negroes march and hundreds of white people protest all they wished. He merely set up a line of police, protected by their police dogs, to keep the two groups apart. And peace was maintained day after day, while the level heads of the city, both white and colored, got together and tried to solve the problems underlying the turmoil. But this was the last thing that the instigators of the trouble wanted; and when incidents didn't arise, incidents had to be created. So a carefully planned tableau was enacted. While cameras were poised and ready to catch the show at the right instant, one or more hotheads or dupes among the Negroes went up to the line and deliberately kicked one or more of the dogs. The result was a

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picture, plastered in the papers all over the United States (and on the front page of the Boston Herald, of course), of a policeman barely holding onto a dog which was straining at the leash to attack a Negro among the Birmingham "civil rights" advocates in Birmingham.

There were no other results of the incident except the picture, which was the glorious piece of propaganda that the Communists wanted. But it shows you what the police will be up against everywhere in simply trying, as calmly as possible under the circumstances, to maintain law and order. The Federal Marshals, for another illustration, not only were not needed in Oxford, Mississippi for that purpose, but actually created most of the rioting -- as they obviously were intended to do. But of course the more the local police, anywhere or everywhere, can be discredited, the more willing the gullible American people will be to accept the entry of Federal troops as necessary to put down rioting.

Among the more carefully plotted schemes for harassing the police, discrediting individual policemen, and discouraging all those who might want to do their duty, has been the setting up of Police Review Boards -- to which many gullible dogooders and bleeding hearts have been giving support. Their chief function, in practice anyway if not in theory, is to make every individual police officer scared to death, as to every action he takes even in dealing with vicious criminals in emergency situations, of being called before some board weeks or months later, and condemned with loss of pay or maybe loss of job, for having been too unkind to the poor wayward unfortunates who were about to shoot him in the back, or stamp in his face, when he tried to interfere with their waywardness.

We shall return to this whole theme in later bulletins. At present we suggest simply that you

(a) Oppose the continuance or establishment of Police Review Boards.

(b) When you come across questionable criticism of your local police by some Liberal editor or nice-Nellie commentator, find out the real facts if you can. Usually the fellow officers of those being criticized will give you the unvarnished truth. Then if you find the criticism to have been unjustified, write and put the record straight.

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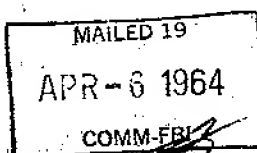
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"The Austin Statesman", Austin, Texas,  
March 27, 1964, contained the following article:

"BIRCH CHARTER GIVEN;  
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"The John Birch Society Friday held  
a Texas charter as a non-profit corporation,  
and will open state headquarters in Austin.

"Secretary of State Crawford Martin  
announced approval of the charter on  
application of Charles O. Mann of Odessa,  
who filed the statutory trust deposit of  
\$50 as registered agent of the new  
corporation.

"The corporate purpose was stated  
'to promote civil interest in national  
and international affairs by an educational  
program.'

"National headquarters of the  
John Birch Society are located in Belmont,  
Mass., home of its president and founder,  
the candy manufacturer Robert Welch.

"Membership activities of the society  
among Texans so far apparently have been

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carried on by representatives of the national headquarters. There was no indication in the filing of the charter papers of the extent of recruitment plans the Texas unit of the national body may undertake."

The following appeared in the "Austin American Statesman", Austin, Texas, on March 28, 1964:

### "BIRCH SOCIETY IS CHARTERED

"For what it's worth, the report comes in that the John Birch Society is now an officially chartered Texas non-profit educational corporation.

"A charter was granted by the state. The new corporation will set up shop in Houston to carry on its declared purpose of 'promoting civil interest in national and international affairs by an educational program.'"

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